VISION
REHABILITATION CENTER OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY
"THAT THE BLIND MAY SEE"

"THAT THE BLIND MAY SEE"

Partial blindness can now become *partial sight* because modern low-vision care enables persons with severe vision impairment to use their remaining vision more effectively. A child, legally blind since birth, may now read fine dictionary print; a mother, unable to sew for 30 years, now makes her own drapes; a salesman, unemployed when his vision failed, is again able to read his catalogs.

VISION REHABILITATION FULFILLS NEED

First of its type in the West, the Vision Rehabilitation Center fulfills a need for helping rehabilitate partially blind and partially sighted persons who previously could not secure the services available in this special field of vision care.

The Vision Rehabilitation Center of Santa Clara County is a non-profit organization established in cooperation with the Santa Clara County Optometric Society and the Santa Clara County Blind Center. In addition to its prime function of providing rehabilitation, the Center also serves as an educational facility for interested professionals of the area concerned with the partially sighted.

AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE IN NEED

ALL partially blind and partially sighted persons are eligible for a screening examination at the Center to determine their need for, and possible benefit from, low vision-aids and rehabilitation services.

Indigents will receive special examinations and vision rehabilitation services and low vision aids as required. They are both taught and assisted in use of their remaining vision to its fullest advantage. These services are available to the indigent partially blind and partially sighted persons despite their inability to pay.

STAFFED BY EXPERTS

The Vision Rehabilitation Center is staffed by experienced professional vision care specialists who have vast experience in the field of low vision care. The volunteer clinical staff is fortunate to have several members who have attained national

recognition in this field. Two staff members also serve on the clinical faculty at the University of California School of Optometry. In addition, the staff of the Center includes professionals from such related fields as medicine, social work, psychology and education.

LOW VISION SERVICES

Low-vision rehabilitation for the partially sighted includes use of many aids in addition to conventional glasses. After determining the care program best suited for each of the patients' needs, aids are made to prescription and then custom fitted to that individual. These encompass such aids as telescopic lenses, miscroscopic lenses, light-control devices, contact lenses, and other devices which function to clarify, brighten and magnify objects and print. Visual re-education of the patient is then undertaken by building skill in the use of the aid.

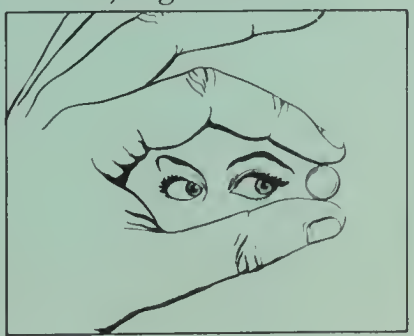
RESULTS ARE OUTSTANDING

Optometrists, working alongside other professionals, are rehabilitating many persons who, in the past, have been considered "blind". Modern concepts and knowledge of low-vision care, including use of recent advances in optical principles, incorporated in the latest devices and techniques, are making yesterday's dreams today's realities in vision rehabilitation.

Although this center is new in Santa Clara County, similar programs in other parts of the country have produced outstanding results. Use of low vision aids, along with special techniques developed in recent years, shows that 70 per cent of *even the partially blind* can have useful vision restored. This vision rehabilitation offers the individual an opportunity for education, employment, independence, security and participation in a fuller life.

CENTER SPONSORSHIP

The Visual Rehabilitation Center of Santa Clara County is supported by the Santa Clara County Blind Center, Santa Clara County Optometric Society, San Jose Vision Training Workshop, Women's Auxiliary of the Santa Clara County Optometric Society, area service clubs, organizations and individual contributing memberships.



All clinic staff members volunteer their professional services without pay, and most of the equipment for the Center has been donated by various business and industrial firms and individuals.

VISION REHABILITATION CENTER OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY

101 N. Bascom Ave., San Jose, California 95128

Telephone 295-4016

INTERNET ARC